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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Oranienburg Airfield

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EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT 12 February to 8 March 1954

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1. On 12 February 1954,

[Large patches on the concrete runway at Oranienburg airfield had been damaged by frost. [] the entire fuel dump was to be provided with lighting facilities on poles and that the runway was to be lighted by ground lamps. The boundary lights could not be put in operation as the transformer for them had not yet arrived.]

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2. At the beginning of March, source determined that damages had occurred to the runway and taxiways, particularly in the northern section of the field. Some concrete slabs had risen up to 8 cm. The taxiway between the hangar and the runway was most seriously damaged. The middle and southern sections of the runway had frost bulges of 1 to 4 cm.
3. At the beginning of March, electricians of the Leipzig Bauunion were engaged in laying light wires and in installing a transformer at the field. This work had not been completed by 10 March. One of the electricians was arrested by the Soviets on 9 March. The fuel dump was not yet in operation by 5 March.
4. The field was not occupied by a Soviet Air Force unit until 8 March. Two Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and armed with machine guns were observed at the field on 8 March.

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[Comment. The damages to the runway and taxiway at Oranienburg airfield caused by the frost have repeatedly been reported. These damages delayed the turning over of the airfield to the Soviets and the occupation of the field by an air unit.]

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